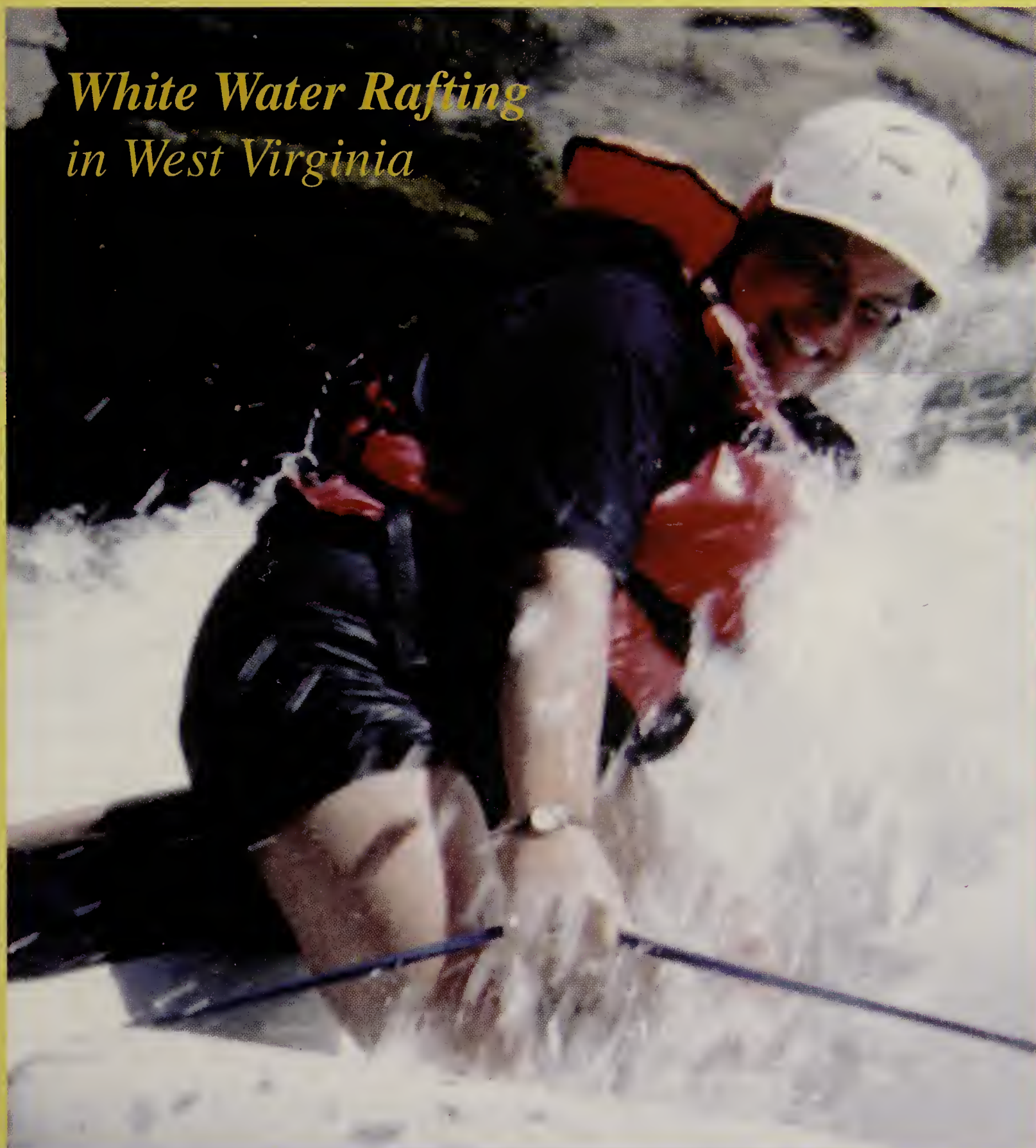


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*White Water Rafting
in West Virginia*



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THE **MISSION** OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE IS ...

... to form graduates who are competent professionals, capable of assuming leadership roles in the world, who will embody Gospel values in their personal lives and professional careers.

— excerpted from the mission statement of Saint Joseph's College

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On the Cover: Bonnie Cothran '91 leads her group in a rafting "surf" in Hico, West Virginia over Labor Day Weekend. She was one of 20 Pumas who "paddled with the president."

See story on pages 14 and 15.



IN MEMORY OF
BERNARD "BERNIE" A. BALAS '57

As SJC alumni, we all have memories of faculty, staff, and others whom we fondly recall as 'fixtures' on campus; those dedicated men and women who gave of themselves and their talents to make our lives and Saint Joseph's better for having known them.

On the other hand, it may be more difficult to recall *alumni* whom we might think of as fixtures. There are several which come to mind, but with the untimely death of **Bernie Balas '57**, President of the College's Alumni

Association, their ranks have been reduced by one.

Although much of his time was devoted to his career with the Internal Revenue Service and being both a husband and father, Saint Joseph's College was never far from Bernie's heart. The fact that all three of Bernie's sons were SJC graduates should not be surprising.

After serving two terms on the Alumni Association's Board of Directors, the last as both President and the alumni representative on SJC's Board of Trustees, Bernie passed away doing what he loved, visiting campus at his class's 45th

reunion celebration. *His smiling, jovial personality gave no hint that his Creator was soon to call him home;*

to say his family, friends, and the entire Saint Joseph's College community were stunned at his passing is an understatement.

The Puma family has lost a loyal son, and we who knew him will not soon forget his untiring faith and love for Saint Joseph's College. May we all be so fortunate as to pass from this earth doing what we love so well.



Steve Ligda '62
Acting President
Saint Joseph's College Alumni Association

SPECIAL Events

The Improv Group performed a number of skits to keep the Jazz Fest audience laughing between sets. (Back) Nick Schafer '03, Publications and Media Relations Assistant Maura Giles '02, Mark Brouwer '04, Amy Buckbee '03 (Front) Joe Guzman '03, Calvin Metts '03



HOMECOMING 2002/ PARENTS' WEEKEND

CELEBRATE VICTORIES ON AND OFF THE FIELD

During Homecoming/Parents' Weekend at the end of September, Saint Joseph's College not only saw a variety of people on its grounds but witnessed a variety of successes in the areas of academics, athletics, and the College's future.

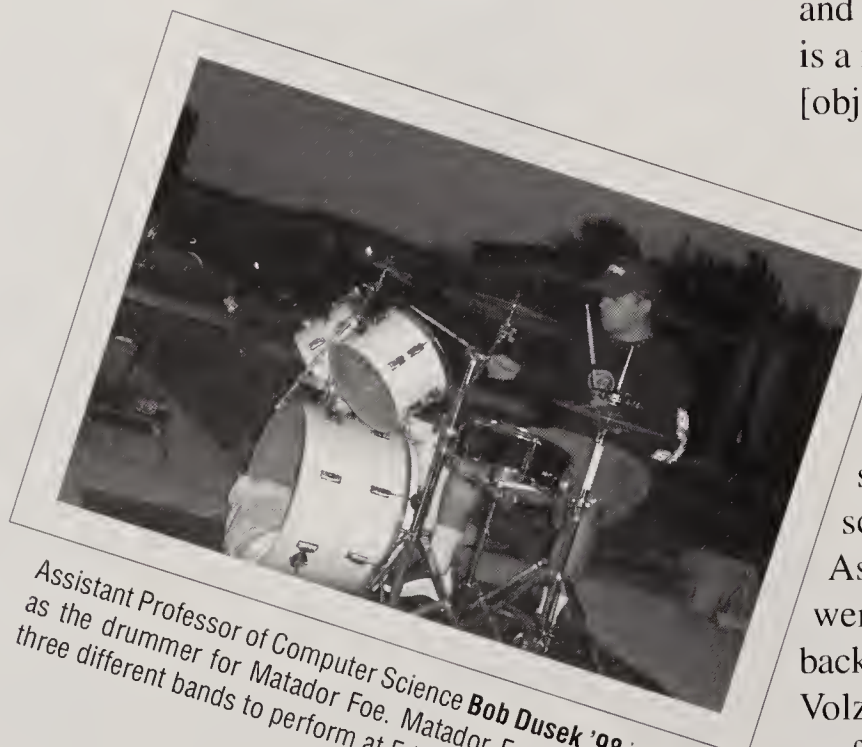
President Ernest Mills III's address to alumni, parents, and friends in Shen Auditorium began Saturday on a positive note as he reported the College had balanced the budget for the 2001-2002 fiscal year (a feat achieved for the first time in almost ten years), alumni participation raised from 18% to 22%, and in September, employees received raises as high as 4% for 2002-2003. He also reported the objectives for this year, which include enrolling 280 full-time freshman for fall 2003, ending the fiscal year with another balanced budget,



Members of the Class of '62 smile for the camera.

and adding to the College's growing endowment. "SJC is a remarkable place," he said. "We will achieve our [objectives]."

Different kinds of 'objectives' were met throughout the day; 51 sophomores were inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta honor society, an organization that recognizes academic achievement in students' first year of college, and the Puma football team defeated Valparaiso University in their Homecoming football game with a score of 54-43. Later that evening, at the Alumni Association's Reunion Banquet, several individuals were honored: Marlin Murphy, a senior defensive back for SJC's varsity football team, received the Rudy Volz Memorial Most Valuable Player Award for his performance in the College's Homecoming game.



Assistant Professor of Computer Science **Bob Dusek '98** jams as the drummer for Matador Foe. Matador Foe was one of three different bands to perform at Friday night's Jazz Fest.

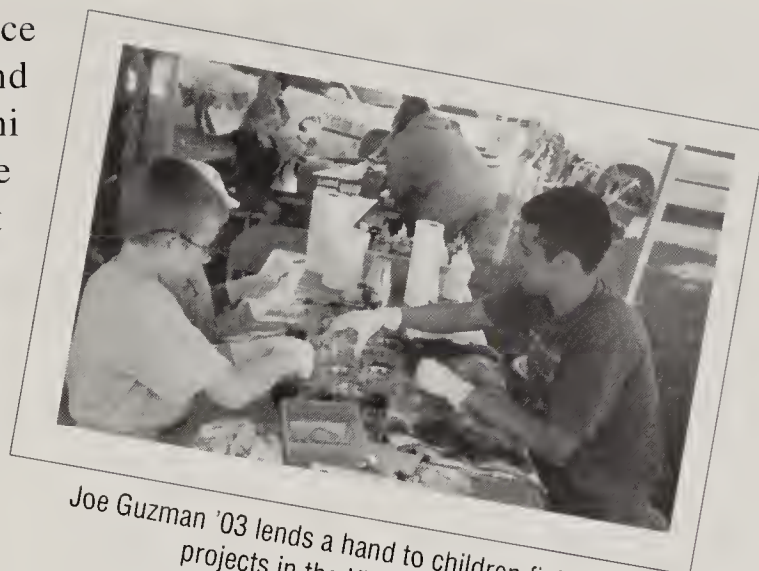
SPECIAL Events

David Hoover '61 received the Alumni Service Award; **Rev. Barry Fischer, C.P.P.S. '69**, and **Dr. William Holda '71** both received Alumni Achievement Awards. Though unable to attend the Banquet, Hoover later shared his thoughts about receiving his award. "Over the years ... Saint Joseph's has always been a center in my life," he said. "To be recognized as a contributor to the

SJC heritage is humbling and very gratifying."



Rev. Leonard Kostka, C.P.P.S. '35 holds up one of several St. Katharine Drexel artifacts on display outside of Drexel Hall. Kostka and **Rev. Dominic Gerlach, C.P.P.S. '46** led discussions about the history of Drexel Hall and its foundress.



Joe Guzman '03 lends a hand to children finishing projects in the Kids' Art Tent.

Additional weekend highlights included the class of 1957's Reunion Banquet at Curtis Creek Country Club in Rensselaer; Friday night's Jazz Fest, complete with live music, Cajun food, and an improv group to entertain the audience between sets; an alumni baseball game; 5K Fun Run/Walk led by Mills; "10 Most Endangered Landmarks in Indiana" presentation; walking tour of Drexel Hall; Kids' Art Tent; "Laughter at Half-After," which provided dinner and a comedian for current Pumas and their parents; and "1964, The Tribute," a Beatles look-alike band. "The Homecoming/Parents' Weekend was very successful this year, largely because there was a strong emphasis on family-oriented activities," commented Alumni and Parent Relations Director Kendra Berenda. "There truly was something for everyone."

Saint Joseph's College wants to hear from you!

Log on to http://www.saintjoe.edu/alumni/email_directory/ and update your record through the alumni e-mail directory.



These men are among some of the alumni who have resided in Drexel Hall, and Saint Joseph's College is eager to learn more about them! If you lived in Drexel and would like to share your stories, please contact Alumni and Parent Relations Director Kendra Berenda at 800-227-1898 or via e-mail at kendrab@saintjoe.edu.

William Holda '71 proudly displays his Alumni Achievement Award. "Those years at Saint Joseph's College were most responsible for forming me into what I've become today. I hope to bring some recognition and honor to the institution by what I do."



RECENT Events

Upcoming Events

December 8
*Feast of Lessons
and Carols*

December 15
*SJC Band
Christmas Concert*

**January 30-
February 1**
*SJC Production
A Midsummer
Night's Dream*

February 3-23
Phonathon

March 15
*St. Patrick's Day
Parade in Chicago*

April 5
Little 500

April 11
*President's
Senior
Banquet*

April 12
*Sports Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony*

May 3
*Scholarship
Dinner in Chicago*

September 19-21
*White Water
Rafting Trip*

October 3-5
*Homecoming
Weekend*

The Art Department at Saint Joseph's College recently received \$17,000 in grants from the Fifth Third Foundation, the Sally and John Sommers Family Fund (a donor advised fund of The Chicago Community Foundation), and The Wal-Mart Foundation.

Bonnie Zimmer, Associate Professor of Art and Assistant Professor of Education at SJC and a key individual in securing the Department's funds, had two goals in mind when seeking funds earlier this year: "I wanted to offer art programs to the youth of our area and at the same time enhance [SJC's] new art major programs," she explained.

Through the initial grant from the Sally and John Sommers Family Fund, Zimmer was able to meet her first goal by spearheading a summer-long arts program for youths ranging in age from three to 17. Entitled, "Celebrate the Arts," the program included intensive workshops for children at the Jasper County Youth Center, providing scholarships to a select number of the workshop participants to attend

ARTCAMP (a program sponsored by Prairie Arts Council in Rensselaer), and hosting pottery classes for both children and adults. The grants from the Fifth Third Foundation and Wal-Mart Foundation enabled the Art Department to purchase electric potter's wheels and a Raku outdoor kiln, allowing the pottery students to hand build, throw on a wheel, and experiment with a special Raku glazing process. The Department has also purchased many much-needed supplies and equipment, allowing Zimmer's second goal of enhancing the new art program to come to fruition.

Zimmer extends special thanks to the following organizations and individuals: The Chicago Community Foundation, The Fifth Third Foundation, Wal-Mart Foundation, all the "Celebrate the Arts" and ARTCAMP instructors, former SJC Foundation Grants Manager Caryl Grzesik, Guest Artist Doris Myers, and Project Assistant Sara Post. "I am most grateful to [everyone] for making all of this possible," she said.

ART DEPARTMENT RECEIVES \$17,000 TO BUILD PROGRAMS

GOLF, ANYONE?

Twenty SJC alumni participated in the annual Indianapolis Area Golf Outing and Cookout that was held September 7, 2002, at the Plum Creek Country Club in Carmel, Indiana. The winning foursome included **Tom Ebbinghaus '74**, **Rick Willits '92**, **Pat Taylor '92**, and **Kim Taylor**. Awards were also given to **John Collins '94** for "Longest Putt," **Russell Thomason '94** for "Closest to the Pin," and **Trent Smith '94** for "Longest Drive."

Later that night, several golfers joined other alumni at the Slippery Noodle Inn in downtown Indianapolis to hear **Rob Davis '92** play with Sam Cockrell and the Groove. The band played to a packed house.

CONVOCATION INCLUDES WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR FRESHMEN



Allen County Superior Court Judge
Honorable **Frances C. Gull '80**

The SJC Fall Convocation on August 29th set the tone for the new academic year with a special welcome to members of the class of 2006.

Taking place in the Saint Joseph's College Chapel, the Convocation included a message from Acting Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs/Dean of Freshmen and Assistant Professor of Communication Heidi Rahe. "There is a uniformity to students, but there is also a uniqueness," she said. "Be true to yourself." Freshmen also received a special address from Honorable **Frances C. Gull '80**, Allen County Superior Court Judge in the Criminal Division. Gull had encouraging words for the new students. "What do you want to be when you grow up? You don't have to know the answer right now. You're taking steps. Big steps," she said. "Don't be afraid. SJC has always been proud of its Pumas, and Pumas are proud of SJC."

SJC SIGNS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT WITH HONG KONG UNIVERSITY

Saint Joseph's College recently signed an articulation agreement with the City University of Hong Kong's College of Higher Vocational Studies, allowing students in the social studies division to continue their studies in the United States and apply those credits towards a bachelor's degree from SJC.

Because of the shortage of transfer spaces available in four-year programs at City University and other institutions in Hong Kong, and due to the fact that the College of Vocational Studies only offers associate degrees, the agreement is especially valuable, as it provides Hong Kong students with an opportunity to earn a four-year degree in their field of interest and gain international experience.

Dr. Chau Wong, Assistant Professor of Psychology at SJC and one of the initial developers of the agreement, believes this agreement benefits the College as well, noting the importance of increasing cultural diversity on campus. "My hope is to bring more foreign students to [Saint Joseph's College]. It will be beneficial for our students to have the opportunity to interact with students from other cultures," she said.

Any students interested in transferring to SJC can complete the application process as early as the current academic year, in time to enroll at SJC for the 2003-2004 academic year.

For more information about SJC's articulation agreement with City University of Hong Kong, contact Wong at 219-866-6247.

RECENT Events

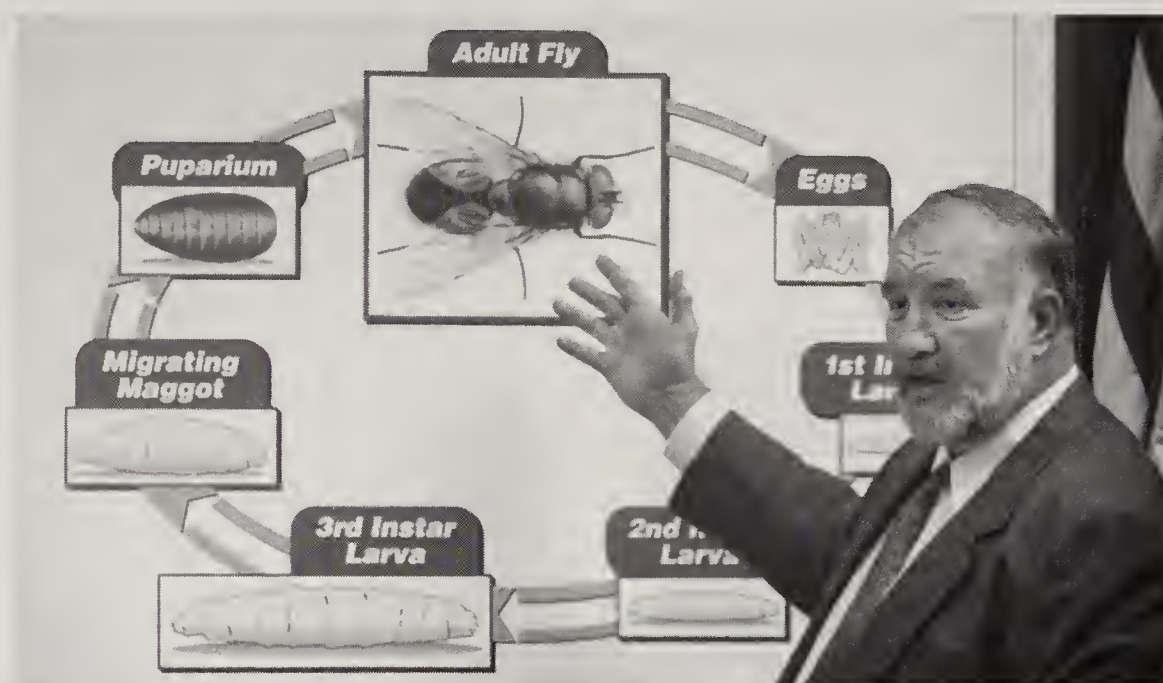


Photo courtesy of Don Trevan, San Diego Union-Tribune

Neal Haskell shows how the life cycle of blow flies can help determine time of death in the murder of Danielle van Dam

This summer, Assistant Professor of Biology Neal Haskell offered expert testimony in the trial of John Westerfield,

the man recently convicted and sentenced with the abduction, sexual assault, and murder of Danielle van Dam of Sabre Springs, California.

"It was quite an experience," he said. "I'm glad I didn't have the responsibility of deciding whether or not [Westerfield] did it or not. My hat's off to the jurors."

The seven-year-old second grader was kidnapped from her home in Sabre Springs on February 1st; four days later, Westerfield was placed under 24-hour-a-day police surveillance until his February 22nd arrest. Her body was discovered off a San Diego highway on February 27th. The second expert witness to testify on behalf

BIOLOGY PROFESSOR TESTIFIES IN VAN DAM TRIAL

of the defense, Haskell was asked by lead defense attorney Steven Feldman in June to review the evidence utilized by entomologist David Faulkner. Faulkner's

findings indicated the blow flies found on van Dam's body would not have been present until sometime between February 16th and 18th, making it unlikely for Westerfield to be at the site at the exact time her body was left there.

Haskell agreed to review the evidence and concluded the blow flies likely entered van Dam's body between February 14th and Feb. 21st, and no earlier than February 12th.

"This could suggest a number of possibilities," he said. "Maybe [Westerfield's] surveillance team missed something; maybe there was an accomplice; or, maybe he didn't do it."

Haskell took the stand at the end of July and was involved in “heated exchanges” with lead prosecuting attorney Jeff Dusek on a number of issues, including Haskell’s time frame (slightly different from Faulkner’s), weather data and knowledge of the local climate. Dusek was also quick to note Haskell’s findings were based on evidence collected by Faulkner and not his own examination of the body. “I knew I was going to be hit hard by the prosecution; they had to break our evidence [in order to gain a conviction],” he said. “[But] I presented my findings as honestly, accurately, and simply as possible.”

Because the public has been exposed to so many missing children reports in the last few months, Haskell noted it was especially important for everyone to remain focused on the case at hand.

“It was extremely emotional for everybody,” he said in regards to being involved with the case. “But as a forensic scientist, I had to put emotions aside and deal specifically with the evidence. Westerfield deserved to be represented and covered under the United States’ constitution.”

Haskell is one of few board-certified forensic entomologists and the only full-time forensic entomologist in the United States. Appearing on such stations as HBO, Court TV, The Learning Channel, The Discovery Channel, and PBS, Haskell’s next television appearance will be on The History Channel’s program “Rats, Bats, and Bugs.” An airdate is not available at this time.

SJC REMEMBERS

SEPTEMBER 11TH



Students pause for reflection during SJC’s commemorative ceremony for the one-year anniversary of September 11th

In remembrance of September 11th, the Saint Joseph’s College community gathered for a memorial ceremony at 3:00 p.m. in the plaza of the Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. Core Education Center. The ceremony included a color guard comprised of Jasper County sheriff’s officers, music from the SJC band and choir, several speakers, a gun salute, and the raising of the American flag. Speakers included SJC President Ernest R. Mills III; Michael Davis, Professor Emeritus of Geology and World War II paratrooper; Professor of Biology **Dr. Rev. William Stang, C.P.P.S. ’72**, Lieutenant Colonel, a Brigade Chaplain, and member of the 76th Separate Infantry Brigade; and SJC students Jessica Rand ’03 and Eric Klepinger ’04.

Reflections were given by Stang, who quoted the opening line of Abraham Lincoln’s “Gettysburg Address,” and praised the efforts of “citizens, firemen, police, military, and medical personnel [that] rushed into mortal danger to save life.” He also spoke about teachers as warriors and fear and ignorance as enemies. He advised all in attendance to use their time to “gain the knowledge that leads to wisdom, and pass on that wisdom.”

*Story written by Maura Giles ’02,
Publications and Media Relations Assistant.*

It is with a sense of pride that I speak tonight on behalf of the members of the Society of the Precious Blood who founded and built Saint Joseph's College. There is an old African proverb which says, "You must never forget that you stand on the shoulders of your ancestors." The College community we are today is the gift of so many sacrifices. The Founder's Fund, which we inaugurate tonight, invites alumni and friends of Saint Joseph's College to make a sacrifice to strengthen the future of Saint

**Highlights from The Founder's Fund Banquet Speech of
VERY REV. ANGELO ANTHONY, C.P.P.S. '84,
PROVINCIAL OF THE CINCINNATI PROVINCE
JUNE 29, 2002**

Joseph's College. It's interesting to note that the word sacrifice comes from two Latin words: *Sácrum Fácere*—to make sacred or holy. Though the Latin meaning refers to making an object holy, I would like to say that in our acts of sacrifice, WE are made holy because we are reminded of our dependence upon God for all that we have and all that we are, and this awareness brings holiness.

This dependence upon God was very much a part of the mentality of Fr. Francis DeSales Brunner who, in 1843, began a journey to the United States, bringing the Society of the Precious Blood to America to work with the German-speaking immigrants in Ohio. In those early foundational years, the priests worked as commuting pastors moving about to neighboring parishes, the brothers did the manual labor in the shops and on the farm, and the sisters tended the kitchen, laundry, and garden; all working together to build the Kingdom of God. Thus, our roots in America began.

The establishment of Saint Joseph's College can be credited to Bishop Joseph Dwenger, second Bishop of Fort Wayne. After two failed attempts to establish a college in his diocese, he approached the Society of the Precious Blood in 1887 to seek their help. Fr. Dwenger was a member of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood and was, in fact, the first

American-born priest in our Congregation. The Provincial Superior in 1887 was Fr. Henry Drees. He, too, was concerned with the need for higher education for the seminarians. The establishment of Saint Joseph's College would be an opportunity to unite the resources of the Society of the Precious Blood with ... the diocese of Fort Wayne to provide a solid, liberal arts training for future priests and other students. The School opened in 1891, 111 years ago. In his original dream, Bishop Dwenger envisioned

a college that would be much like a monastic school, in which the endowment of the institution would consist of the produce of the farm and of the contributed services of the priests, brothers, and religious seminarians, and for practical purposes, also of the sisters.

Life has changed quite a bit since Bishop Dwenger's dream. Air travel, interstate highways, computers, [and] televisions have all had an amazing influence on the face of the College and consequently the character and needs of our students. The endowment of the College cannot exist on produce of the land and contributed services, as was part of Bishop Dwenger's vision. The endowment must be built by efforts such as the Founder's Fund that we are initiating tonight—people like you making sacrifices to strengthen the future for Saint Joseph's College. Each of us can be a part of a lasting legacy, standing on the shoulders of many wonderful priests, brothers, and sisters of the Precious Blood.

As part of my presentation, I thought that I would share a few memories from some of the people who made sacrifices in the past to build the foundation we enjoy today. The thoughts that I will share are from the historical works of Fr. Charles Robbins and Fr. Dominic Gerlach, two important pillars who have secured a written history of the College.

Fr. Augustine Seifert: the first president of the College. Fr. Seifert is remembered as a tall, sturdy, upstanding man, truly religious, with a sterling character and austere countenance. He WAS the institution, its untiring and able director for years. In addition to his job as President, Dean of Studies and Student Affairs, Registrar, and Treasurer, he

taught 24 hours a week. All those who knew Fr. Seifert knew a man strong of body and character who eagerly shouldered responsibility, and preached and practiced a basic philosophy of life that stressed hard work, obedience to authority, and allegiance to the Church. So close was his supervision of all aspects of the College that he acquired the name "Daddy." When I think about people like Fr. Seifert, I'm reminded of a quote from the founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, St. Gaspar del Bufalo: "Charity does not lie down inactive; it is a flame that never lies still." This was also true in the sacrifices that the brothers of the Precious Blood made for the College. Each contributed some essential service to the College, including such duties as operating the farm, the dairy, the carpenter and plumbing shops, the health center, and the tailor shop. The brothers were part of the College from the beginning, but for many years they were segregated from the priests and were regarded as "serving brothers."

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Conclusion: We must be creative in the ways that we prepare for the future of Saint Joseph's College. Over the years, there have been many unsung heroes who dedicated their lives to the mission of Saint Joseph's College. The Founder's Fund is a way for us to recognize the sacrifices of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood for the past 111 years.

I would be remiss if I did not speak about the many wonderful lay people who sacrificed so much to build a better future for Saint Joseph's College. Many of you are here today, and I extend to you our thanks and gratitude for your commitment and dedication to this institution and the sacrifices you have made over the years. Many of you dedicated your lives here because you believed in the mission of this institution. I look upon you as missionaries of the Precious Blood.

A missionary is simply "one who is sent." Through the ministry of Saint Joseph's College there are many missionaries, in particular, alumni from this institution who received the tools to live lives of faith. They, too, are fellow missionaries, bringing faith and action together in the work place and in the home.

St. Gaspar encouraged the missionaries to read the Book of the Crucifix. "From that book, we learn profound humility, indomitable patience and gentle, industrious charity." As we continue to journey in faith it is important that we, too, read the Book of the Crucifix as a model for our lives in service to one another. The Paschal mystery reminds us that throughout life we are involved in the cycle of

... dying and rising. In this journey we must never forget the people who have gone before us, upon whose shoulders we now stand.

It is very evident that there are fewer priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood active in the day-to-day operations of the College. This challenges us to be creative in how we witness to the charism that has been entrusted to us.

Through we have fewer members, we are still dedicated to sponsoring this College and working to maintain the Catholic identity of this institution.

The Precious Blood of Jesus reminds us of the sacredness of all human life. We have an important role to play in confronting the culture of death that is so prevalent today. The Founder's Fund will help ... young people to realize their dream of receiving a degree in higher education in the Catholic tradition. With your help, Saint Joseph's College can continue to educate future leaders for the Church and the world.

Our prayer tonight cannot help but be one of praise and thanksgiving to God for the many ways that we have experienced the life of the Risen Lord through the founding priests, brothers, and sisters of Saint Joseph's College.

Thank You.



Anthony, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Marketing **Maureen Egan '90**, and President Ernest Mills III at The Founder's Fund Banquet in June



A WALK DOWN

Memory Lane

*Remembering
a few of the many*



Fr. Augustine Seifert

- First president of the College; while serving as Dean of Studies and Student Affairs, Registrar, and Treasurer, he taught 24 hours a week
- Acquired the nickname "Daddy" for his close supervision

Br. Francis Werling

- Powerhouse employee from 1938-1978
- "A quiet person with gifted mechanical skills"

Br. Fred Baechtel

- College carpenter, later transferred to the powerhouse
- Served the College from 1930-1960
- He died November 15, 1960, after falling off a boiler being repaired

Br. David Schneider

- Served the College for 54 years, many as the barber
- "Kwickerkickin - Keep Smiling"

Br. Conrad Lemanski

- College tailor from 1941-1966
- Made cassocks for the priests, brothers, and seminarians

Br. John Marling

- First brother to break the mold of "working brothers"
- Served from 1923-1975 as Professor of Physics and Mathematics, in addition to being Assistant Prefect

Br. Robert Buhrman

- (Formerly Br. Philip) worked in the library, printing department, and the mailing office
- Always seen dressed in black

Sr. Rosella Hess

- Taught History/Social Sciences from 1956-1961

Sr. Theona Smith

- Taught English from 1956-1961

Srs. Phyllis Esser, Gaspar Hoelscher, and Giovanni Meyer

- Precious Blood nuns who, in 1957, were the first women to graduate

Fr. Joseph Kenkel

- Seventh president of the College from 1927-1937
- Guided the College during the Great Depression
- Proposed converting from a junior to a senior college
- Paved the way for North Central accreditation in years to come

Fr. Joseph Hiller

- Professor of History and German from 1933-1970
- Placed displaced families from Germany after WWII

Fr. Daniel Schaefer

- Dean of Men from 1952-1962
- Sent to restore discipline that had declined after the influx of WWII veterans, especially in the area of drinking
- Patrolled the campus, highways, and taverns late into the night, having been deputized by the sheriff to make arrests if necessary

Fr. Raphael Gross

- Thirteenth president of the College from 1951-1965
- Assigned to the English Department at SJC in 1941
- Carried out the biggest building program in the College's history—six new buildings
- Enrollment increased from 500 in 1951 to 1341 in 1965
- Began the Fellows Program in 1962

Fr. Edwin Kaiser

- Taught from 1944-1966
- Remembered most for his engaging personality, singular classroom manners, and many scholarly publications

Fr. Charles Banet

- Fourteenth president of SJC from 1965-1993, having been the College Librarian since 1952
- Established Lay Board of Trustees
- Implemented residential coeducation
- Ordered study of the general education curriculum which led to the development of the Core Program

Fr. Don Shea

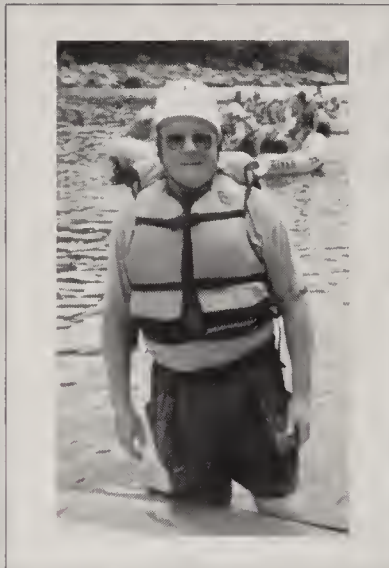
- Remembered for his History pro-seminar
- Moved to Washington, D.C. in 1977 to work with the National Republican Committee

Fr. William Kramer

- Featured in the *Time* magazine SJC advertisement: "If he's so smart, how come he's not rich?"
- Taught with a doctorate for \$50 a month

Other Legends

Fr. John Lefko, Fr. Larry Heiman, Fr. Charles Rueve, Fr. Dominic Gerlach, Fr. Charles Robbins, Fr. Len Kostka, Fr. Paul White, Fr. Ed McCarthy, Fr. Ernie Ranly, Fr. Ambrose Heiman, Fr. Norman Heckman, Fr. Rudolph Bierberg, Fr. Edward Maziarz, Fr. James Froelich, Fr. William Eilerman . . . and many more



PADDLING THE PRES

THRILL-SEEKING PUMAS ATTACK

For most people, this year's Labor Day weekend involved days at the beach and flipping hamburgers over a grill. However, 20 alumni, parents, and friends of Saint Joseph's College spent their three-day weekend "paddling with the president" with Mountain River Tours in Hico, West Virginia.

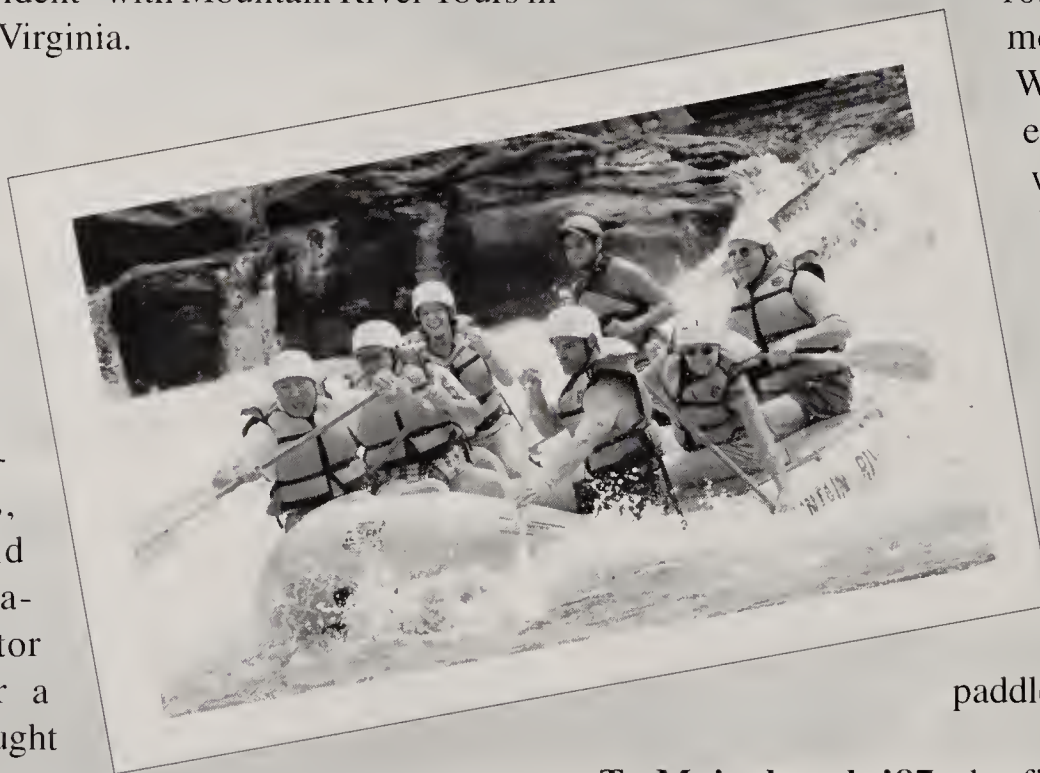
Quite a change from the reunion banquets and receptions the College often hosts, Alumni and Parent Relations Director Kendra Berenda thought it would be fun to

organize an event that appealed to those interested in trying something new. "SJC really hasn't offered much in the way of travel for the alumni, parents and friends in quite some time, and this was a chance to try something you can't do in Indiana," she explained. "This trip was different from our regular events because it was an all-inclusive vacation package. The total price covered transportation, meals, lodging, and the rafting. We

were able to spend a lot of time together enjoying one common event and ended up having wonderful stories to tell."

The Puma bus left Indiana at approximately 10:00 a.m. on Friday morning, arrived in West Virginia that evening, and was welcomed with a hot dinner courtesy of Mountain River Tours. The next day, everyone was armed with a helmet, life jacket, safety instructions and most importantly, a

paddle.



Ty Maienbrook '87, the first to sign up for the trip, always enjoyed outdoor activities such as hiking, mountain biking, and canoeing, but had never rafted before. This trip provided him with the perfect opportunity. "I'm glad SJC took the chance to try something different," he said. "I absolutely loved rafting, and it was a lot of fun to do something like that with a larger group rather than just a few people. I can't wait to do it again next year."

Above: President Ernest Mills III is suited up for the rapids.

(From front of raft to back) John Thorpe '54 and son, Paul, Tom Kramer and Stella Gillen, Susan Kramer '04 and President Mills take on a class III rapid with their guide.



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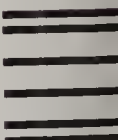
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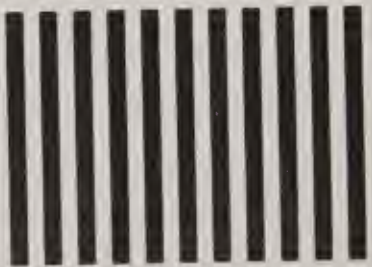
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THE RAPIDS IN WEST VIRGINIA

Dolores "Jo" Battleday '63, who recently celebrated her 74th birthday, said "At first, I wasn't sure if I should do it—I thought I may be too old. But it was the most fun I've had in years. You're never too old to tackle anything you want to do."



Tom Kramer and his daughter Susan, a junior at SJC, also had a great time. "It was the most exhilarating and intense thing I've ever done," Susan commented. "I loved raft surfing," Tom said, in reference to the wave he and his rafting group deliberately paddled into. "It felt like we were being attacked with thousands of gallons of water!"

Rafting wasn't the only thing the participants enjoyed. Many were happy to become better acquainted with SJC President Ernest Mills III. "I think it says a lot about a college when its

president is willing to do something like that," Maienbrook said. "President Mills showed that he's committed to Saint Joseph's College."

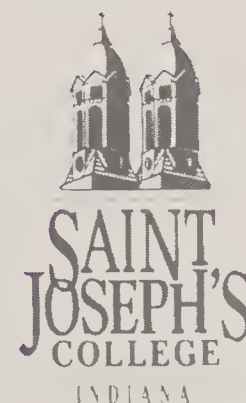
Emily Farley '82 agreed. "My husband and I went hiking with him the next day, and it was good to hear about how the College is doing and in what direction it's going," she said.

Overall, Berenda believes the trip was a "huge success," and is already making plans for next year's trip, scheduled to take place September 19-21, 2003. "I recently returned to West Virginia to raft the Upper and Lower Gauley during Gauley season," she explained. "The Upper Gauley was definitely a more extreme and intense stretch of river that sent many rafters flying from their rafts. Next year's trip will be offered during the Gauley season, giving people the option of the easier Lower Gauley or the more extreme Upper Gauley. We want to cater to both those with and without rafting experience."

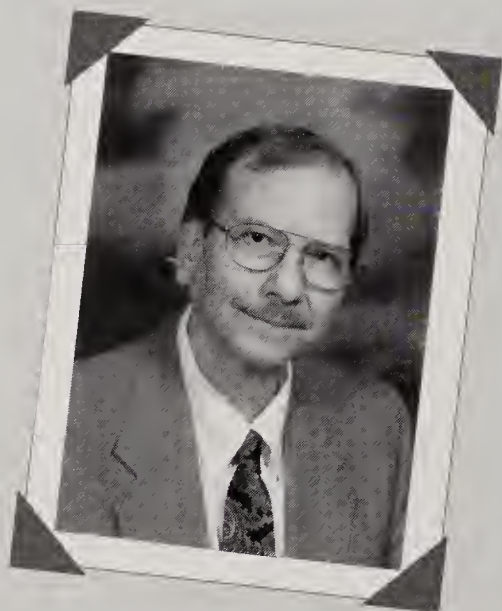


Alumni and Parent Relations Director Kendra Berenda, **Bonnie Cothran '91**, and **Maureen Egan '90** take a moment to relax in the water between rapids.

(From front of raft to back) Dave Ziese and Jeff Farley; Kristen Ziese and **Emily Farley '82**; **Maureen Egan '90** and **Dolores "Jo" Battleday '63**; Dave Balza and **Breain Ma'Ayteh '02** paddle their way through one of the rapids with their tour guide.



EDUCATION FOR A LIFETIME:



Gerard Walter's Legacy

1942 - 2002

Positively affecting the lives and minds of young people was the passion of **Gerard "Gerry" Walter '64**; it was a mission inspired by the roots of his Saint Joseph's College education. A lifelong educator and administrator, he passed away on May 22, 2002, after a lengthy illness. Those who knew him best will always remember him for his commitment to education, love of history and sports, and devotion to Church, family, and friends. Few could surpass this "preeminent spectator" of sports and his uncanny ability to rattle off the statistics of any team or individual player—especially when it came to following the Pumas. He was described as a "true patriot" with his firm belief that "if America is to remain a strong nation, education of its youth should be at the core. No young person should be barred from the pursuit of education because of financial constraints."

A man of integrity and true to his word, Gerard Walter has left his legacy at SJC as a Charter Benefactor of The Founder's Fund. For generations to come, Founder's Fund scholarships will be awarded to students who might not otherwise be able to afford an SJC education.

In a time of loss, peace and comfort surround Gerard's family to see his legacy live on ... *positively affecting the lives and minds of young people.*

For more information on The Founder's Fund and planned giving opportunities at SJC, contact Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Marketing **Maureen Egan '90** at 800-227-1898 or mo@saintjoe.edu.

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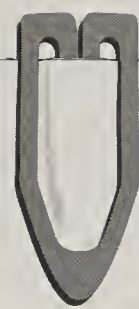
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China. Tanzania. India. Italy. Mexico. Israel. Ireland. England. The faculty members at Saint Joseph's College have explored more than twenty different countries scattered throughout four continents (excluding North America), allowing them to share first-hand experiences about issues most of their students can only read about in books and provide a unique supplement to academic study.

"Our faculty members can stand in a lecture or classroom and share first-hand experiences of the culture the students are studying," said Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost David Chattin. "You can see the benefits when you read the student evaluations. They say things like, 'I loved

learning about India from a professor who actually went to India. They can tell me what it's really like there.'"

Even more interesting is seeing faculty members visit countries that aren't directly related to their field of study, a unique feature that Chattin believes is a result of the Core Program. "One of our communication professors went to India because he teaches Core Seven [which focuses on India]. An English professor visited Africa because he teaches Core Eight [which focuses on Africa]. It's because of the Core Program that these kinds of things can happen," he explained.

Associate Professor of Political Science Peter Watkins and Jody Taylor-Watkins, Reference/Assistant Librarian and Assistant Professor at SJC, joined three other faculty members for a trip to India during the summer of 1999 in order to provide first-hand accounts of the conditions there before teaching Core Seven in the fall. Cities they visited include Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, and Khajuraho, among others.

"I had studied and read about the social issues India faced, but being there allowed me to give practical examples to my students," Jody said. "I gave a lecture on the caste system in India, and I was able to use photos from my trip as visual aids."



Groppe on Mount Sinai

SJC FACULTY BRING THE WORLD TO THE CLASSROOM

For Peter, the trip allowed him to experience what it's like to be on "the other side of the fence." "I was never 'different' before, but in India, I felt isolated," he recalled. "There was pressure at all times. People were constantly approaching me, asking things of me and demanding things from me It wasn't so much physically exhausting as mentally exhausting."

He also learned to appreciate some of the simple things most Americans take for granted. "Having to use bottled water to clean my teeth, remembering to shower with my mouth closed It really made me appreciate the things I have in the West," he said.

Professor of English John Groppe participated in a six-week tour of Israel for Cores Three, Four, and Nine, where special attention is paid to the Hebrew Scriptures. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was on the verge of invading Kuwait.

"There were times when everyone was alerted of bomb threats and we had to clear the area," he said. "When I was shopping for mementos to bring back home, the shopkeepers always wanted to talk about what they were suffering, and wanted me to bring back a message to President Bush and other Americans."

Other professors had lighter stories to share. Assistant Professor of History **Susan Chattin '85**, who has visited more than thirty-five countries, has a unique snapshot of African culture she often relates to her students. "I attended the wedding of some friends in northern Tanzania with my 12-year-old daughter, and we

were told many times that the cake would be a highlight of the reception. When it was time for the cake to be brought out, everyone kept urging us to go and get a good look at it. We were definitely not prepared to see the

Tanzanian version of a wedding cake: a whole, roasted goat being brought out on a large platter! The goat had a lettuce leaf in its mouth. The bride and groom proceeded to cut the 'cake' and feed it to each other!"

Faculty members have used their international experience to enhance their teaching in a number of ways. Associate Profes-

sor of Communication Fred Berger shows his own video footage of cows walking down the streets in India for Core Seven lectures. Assistant Professor of Education Judy Kanne's recent trip to Thailand allowed her to teach lessons about Thai and Far Eastern folk tales in her Children's

Literature class. David Dixon, Assistant Professor of Political Science, frequently visits a number of countries in Latin America and uses his own research to teach his Latin American Politics class. He believes that faculty travels are one of the most important ways students can accurately learn about the

world they live in. "One of our biggest problems is being able to understand other societies, and that is the only way to solve the sorts of problems we've had since the September 11th attacks," he said. "Visiting other countries is not a luxury; it's our only way out."



Peter Watkins holding a child from Mother Teresa orphanage in Agra, India.

Chattin in Egypt in 2001. She has visited more than thirty-five countries, and was recently in Egypt for a third time, in order to gather information for her "History of Egypt" course, a new course to be offered in the winter semester.

SJC Sports Information Director Joe Danahey traded Rensselaer's flat lands for the hills and trolley rides of San Francisco, California.

"He's been like a second father to me," Danahey commented. "He is Saint Joseph's College."

A fixture at Saint Joseph's College for the past nine years, Danahey accepted an SID position at San Francisco State University, a Division II commuter college of 25,000 students.

"It's a great opportunity," said Danahey, a native of Carpentersville, Illinois. "[I'm] working in a major metropolitan media market, and I never got a chance to do that [at SJC]."

Danahey began his first day at San Francisco State on October 2nd, and his duties include overseeing a full-time assistant, unlike at SJC, which thrives on student assistants. "[I'm] going to miss the great student staff at [SJC]," he said. "...They are the core of Saint Joseph's College."

He said he especially misses **Richard Scharf '38**.



GREAT OPPORTUNITY For Sports Information Director in San Francisco

He also offers his appreciation to Athletic Director **Bill Massoels '89** and former coaches **Bill Reagan '74**, **Bill Bland**, and **Lynn Plett**, who have influenced Danahey over the years.

"All three [coaches] e-mailed me and told me they're really proud of me," he said. "They said, 'you'll keep on succeeding.' That meant a lot coming from those guys."

Danahey performed his final duties during SJC's Homecoming game against Valparaiso University (which the Pumas won 54-43), giving him a chance to see alumni before mingling with the Gators of San Francisco State.

"I've accomplished everything I could at [Saint Joseph's College]," he said. "I appreciate everything [SJC] has given me."

Story courtesy of Harley Tomlinson, Managing Editor for the Rensselaer Republican.



On August 24th, the Athletic Department hosted a reception for **Jim Thordsen '75** and the 1974 men's basketball team, which captured that year's Regional Title. Here, **Rev. Leonard Kostka '35** returns a change purse to Thordsen that he received from Thordsen's mother almost thirty years ago.

WINTER SCHEDULES

MEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent
11/22	Ferris State University
11/23	IUPU-Indianapolis
11/26	Mercyhurst University
11/30	Lewis University
12/2	SIU Edwardsville
12/5	at University of Missouri-St. Louis
12/7	at University of Southern Indiana
12/11	Northwood University
12/14	Grand Valley State University
12/21	Calumet College of St. Joseph's
12/28	at Mercyhurst University
1/2	Bellarmino University
1/4	Northern Kentucky University
1/11	University of Wisconsin-Parkside
1/16	at SIU Edwardsville
1/18	at Quincy University
1/23	University of Southern Indiana
1/25	Kentucky Wesleyan College
1/30	at Northern Kentucky University
2/1	at University of Indianapolis
2/6	at University of Wisconsin-Parkside
2/8	at Lewis University
2/13	Quincy University
2/15	University of Missouri-St. Louis
2/20	at Kentucky Wesleyan College
2/22	at Bellarmine University
2/27	University of Indianapolis
3/4-7	GLVC Tournament (Evansville, Indiana)
3/12-14	Great Lakes Regional
3/26-29	NCAA Division II Elite Eight

WOMEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent
11/22	Central Missouri State University
11/26	at Northwood University
11/30	Lewis University
12/2	SIU Edwardsville
12/5	at University of Missouri-St. Louis
12/7	at University of Southern Indiana
12/14	Lake Superior State University
12/15	Ferris State University
12/20	at Cornerstone University
12/30	at University of St. Francis
1/2	Bellarmino University
1/4	Northern Kentucky University
1/7	at IUPU-Indianapolis
1/11	University of Wisconsin-Parkside
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* *Boldface type indicates home games*

* Times and dates are subject to change. You can find more information about Puma Sports by logging onto www.saintjoe.edu/athletics and subscribing to the "This Week in Puma Sports" (TWIPS) list, or by calling 219-866-6000 extension 4786.



Where Is She Now?

Sister Donna Liette, C.P.P.S.

Since her departure from Saint Joseph's College in 1991, after teaching for more than ten years in the Education Department and Core One, Sr. Donna Liette, C.P.P.S. has found a new mission. She is Executive Director at Mercy Manor in Dayton, Ohio, a place of transition for women after they are released from prison. In her 10th year at Mercy Manor, she has helped over 700 women during her tenure. "One of my great joys in life is to empower women to take control of their lives and help people to feel that they have another chance," she said.

Liette's involvement in ex-offender outreach programs stems from scripture's message of freeing prisoners of all types. "Being a Precious Blood Sister is a very influencing factor in my life," she said. "My call is to educate people about reconciliation and redemption, so that not one drop of that Precious Blood be spilled in vain."

Maintaining her call to education and her bond with Saint Joseph's College, Liette returns to SJC every fall to deliver a Core Nine lecture.

"I love Saint Joseph's College, and I'll always love it," she said. "I've met a lot of great people, students, faculty, and staff there. I haven't found something like the community at SJC at any other place."

Story written by **Maura Giles '02**,
Publications and Media Relations Assistant.

Where Are They Now? notes the current activities of favorite faculty, staff, and friends of the College of years past; Before They Were Pumas profiles members of the SJC community, providing glimpses into their pasts and updates on what they are doing today. If you would like to recommend that someone be featured in either piece, please contact Publications and Media Relations Director **Breain Ma'Aytech '02** at 219-866-6177.

BEFORE THEY WERE PUMAS



Before



Today

Name:
Kelly Krayniak '02

A unique or funny story about you around the time the photo was taken:

I was deathly scared of ants. Every time I saw one, I would start screaming, and my mom, dad, brother, and sisters would run to see what was wrong. They thought something terrible had happened. However, soon they discovered that I was pointing to the ground at a small ant. After that they knew every time I started screaming and crying, I was really just crying "Ant!"

High school, city, state:

Edison Junior/Senior High School,
Lake Station, Indiana

What you're doing now:

I am currently an Admissions Representative for Saint Joseph's College. While attending SJC, I was fortunate to have an internship in the Admissions Office from January 2001 to December 2001. I learned a great deal from my internship and look forward to doing the same kind of work in my new position.

Ryder (front) in action
on soccer field



Liverpool, England native Paul Ryder remembers the first time he visited the United States. “I was 18, and it was in April 2000. I went to Dallas, Texas, for a soccer tournament,” he explained.

It was at such a tournament that he was approached by head men’s soccer coach

Rob Burns ’00, who offered him a scholarship to play soccer for SJC. Now in his second semester of his freshman year, Ryder has maintained a 3.6 grade point average, accepted a job with the College’s fitness center, and excelled on the soccer field. He was featured as a Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Week in October, and with 16 goals and three assists under his belt, is the GLVC’s leading scorer (at the time of this printing).



Though things are going well for Ryder, he admits that he’s still “getting used to” the United

PUMA SPOTLIGHT:

PAUL RYDER

example: “I don’t understand America’s emphasis on football. And when I’ve just returned from Liverpool back to the United States, I have to get used to driving on the different side of the road again.”

Right now, Ryder has some decisions to make. Though currently a Physical Education major, he’s been thinking about making the switch to International Studies. “I’m not sure what I want to do after college,” he admitted. “I want to try professional soccer, but I like experiencing and understanding other cultures. I’d love to be travelling all the time.”

SJC FAST FACTS FOR THE FRESHMAN CLASS

Number of freshmen: 247

Gender breakdown: 51% female, 49% male

States represented: 12

Average high school GPA: 3.11

Top five majors: Elementary Education, Management, Biology-Chemistry, Criminal Justice, Physical Education

Faculty Notes

Dr. John Egan, Professor of Music, recently received the 2001-2002 Volunteer Excellence Award from the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Frederick Greene, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Sociology, is the newest addition to the College's Sociology Division. Prior to SJC, he was a managing partner and practicing attorney for Greene and Associates, P.C., in Lansing, Michigan, for almost ten years, and has taught classes for a number of universities throughout his career. His articles have appeared in such publications as *Michigan Lawyer's Weekly*, *Barrister*, and *Trial* magazines.

Dr. John Nichols, Professor of Philosophy and National Endowment for the Humanities Distinguished Professor, completed his two-year term as President of the Association of General and Liberal Studies (AGLS), which is committed to the centrality of general education in the undergraduate curriculum. Nichols will assume duties as President for the Council for Administration of General and Liberal Studies, as well as continue on the AGLS Executive Council for two more years as Past President.

Dr. Robert Pfaff, Professor of Chemistry and Director of Transfer Orientation, was appointed to the position of Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs for Retention. He will be responsible for reviewing programs and services in order to make them more effective in the retention of students.



Heidi Rahe

Heidi Rahe, Assistant Professor of Communication, was appointed to the position of Acting Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Freshmen.

Dr. Robert E. Schenk, Professor of Economics, recently learned his online publication *CyberEconomics: An Analysis of Unintended Consequences* will appear in the spring 2003 issue of *Journal of Economic Education*. *CyberEconomics* is a free, complete, online textbook dealing with the principles of economics, and can be read by logging on to <http://ingrimayne.saintjoe.edu/econ/>.

Rev. Dr. Ralph Verdi, C.P.P.S. '68, Associate Professor of Music, worked on a number of projects this summer; he taught a new required course in SJC's graduate music program entitled, "Arranging and Composing for the Church Musician," and witnessed the performance of his version of *Te Deum* by the Summer Chorus of the Rensselaer Program of Church Music and Liturgy under the direction of Dr. Graeme Cowen and Rev. Keith Branson, C.P.P.S. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Carmel, Indiana, on July 19th.

Class Notes

Frank Staucet '49 was inducted into the Hammond Sports Hall of Fame on 3/15/01.

Eric Bozyski, son of **Edward R. Bozyski '55**, was awarded the Monsignor Paul J. O'Dea Latin Award at St. Charles Preparatory School in Columbus, Ohio, and is attending the University of Dayton as a President's Scholar.

Ralph Gardner '61 retired for the second time on January 1, 2002. After 12 years in Europe, Gardner and his wife, Mary Alyce, could have retired most anywhere, but are "back home again in Indiana"—Zionsville, to be exact. He enjoys getting e-mail from classmates, so please keep the e-ball rolling.

Lynn McCaw '66 accepted an offer for a civil service position at Osan Air Base in Korea for a two-year tour. He finished his master's degree in Music Education at Wright State University in Dayton almost three years ago.

Tom Grzesik '69 was named National Multiline Agent of the Year by the Horace Mann Insurance Company of Springfield, IL. He was chosen from over 1,000 agents across the country for his high sales performance and distinctive customer service. He was also recognized as Annuity Agent of the Year for setting a company record in annuity sales.

Jim Hooten '69, after 27 years as a geologist in the oil and gas industry, became tired of the uncertainties surrounding buyouts, downsizing, closures and layoffs. He entered the health insurance business in Colorado almost three years ago and loves it. Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks?

Dan Turygan '72 just won re-election for another term on the Mullica Township Committee in New Jersey.

George Edwin "Casey" Jones '75 has won his 300th basketball game at Middletown North High School in New Jersey.

Timothy A. Fleming '79 is a Corrections Sergeant with the Hunterdon County Department of Corrections in Flemington, NJ.

Kevin '84 and Colleen (Brennan) Link '84 have relocated to Mill Creek, WA with their three sons. Kevin's position as Assistant Vice President with Safeco Insurance took them from the Midwest to the Seattle area.



Sandra Page and **Gib Parent '57** take time out at the 2002 Alumni Reunion Banquet for a picture

Alice A. (Zerr) Lamberger '84 married Joseph Lamberger on July 9, 1999, and they have built a new home in Noblesville, IN. She was recently in contact with **Mark Prior '82** and **Dave Erwin '83**.

Dennis Noonan '84 was recently promoted to Director of Sales and Conference Services at Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, VA. He has been with the company since 1996.

Kristopher '89 and Holly (Canalia) Rowden '95 will be moving to Zheng Zhou, China, to start a protein plant for DuPont. They will be there two to three years.

Bill Evans '89 was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant with the

Cook County Sheriff's Police Department in Chicago, IL, and is Commander of the Department's Hostage Barricade Team. Evans received his master's degree in Criminal Justice from Chicago State University.

Mike Monahan '89 has been a sportswriter for the Mattoon, Illinois *Journal-Gazette* and Charleston, Illinois *Times-Courier* for nearly two years. He covers high school sports for both newspapers. You can check out his articles by logging on to www.jg-tc.com.

Kevin McDonald '91 recently completed a book called *Mastering the SAP Business Information Warehouse*, and the company he co-founded, COMPENDIT, Inc., was named in *Entrepreneur* magazine's June 2002 issue as a "hot 100 fast-growing new business."

M. Jennifer Radosevic '91, an Illinois State Trooper, was awarded with the State of Illinois Law Enforcement Medal of Honor on June 3, 2002, at the Governor's mansion. According to the record of commendation, the award is presented to officers who "have distinguished themselves by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their life above and beyond the call of duty."

Herb Baldwin, Jr. '92 is President/CEO of Mad Hops, Ltd., and was recently appointed to the American Diabetes Association Leadership Council as Chairman of its annual Tour de Cure. In May 2002, Mad Hops hosted its first annual event—a five-on-five basketball tournament to raise awareness about diabetes.

Kimberly Gilbert '93 is an attorney with Reiling, Teder, and Schrier LLC in Lafayette, Indiana.

Sister Gayle Rusbasan '94 became a novice with the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Frankfort, IL, on August 1, 2002.

Class Notes

Marissa Marhoul '95 moved to St. John in the Virgin Islands, bought a piece of land with a friend, and the two are planning on building a house.

Rita Hawkins '95 retired from the Florida Department of Revenue's Child Support Enforcement on July 31, 2002. She is anxiously awaiting the births of her grandchildren, due in November and December of this year.

Joshua '95 and Stephanie (Moyna)

Gilbert '95 have been raising their 16-year-old nephew AJ, who just began his junior year in high school and already has four scholarship offers to Division I colleges for basketball. Their 11-year-old is doing well in school and is on the AAU basketball traveling team; he recently became a big brother to Xavier Joshua Gilbert III. The Gilberts have owned a staffing/consulting company since 1998, with accounts in the United States and Canada.

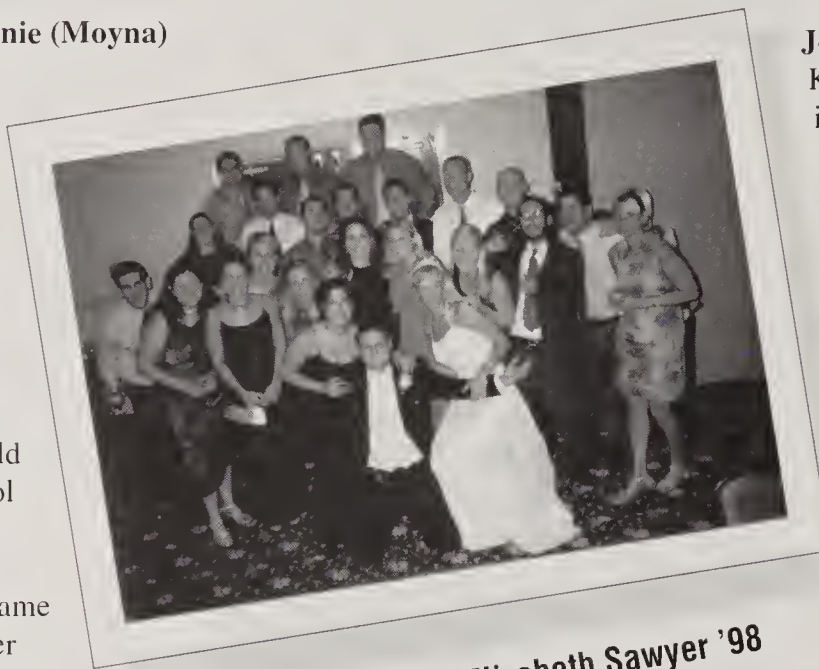
April Slupski '96 was promoted to Assistant Vice President and Trust Officer at the Centier Bank Branch in Merrillville, IN. She joined Centier in 1999.

Sara Morgan '97 went on a medical mission to Jamaica this past June, serving over two thousand people with free medical services in Kingston and rural communities. She will graduate in January 2003 with a master's degree in Occupational Therapy from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Jennifer Dunbar '99 recently celebrated her three-year anniversary as a marketing consultant for NEXT Media.

Denise (Rybicki) McCready '00 and her husband, Michael, were selected to be featured on The Learning Channel's "A Wedding Story." The show taped the three days before their wedding and their June 29th wedding day. The episode aired in mid-October.

Michael Nichols '00 is pursuing a master's degree in Religious Studies at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.



Mark Slate '95 and Elizabeth Sawyer '98
were married on August 17, 2002

Theresa Richer '00 graduated with a master's degree in Rehabilitation in May 2002 from University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign. She passed her certified rehabilitation counselor exam and is CRC certified. In July 2002, she became a Vocational Assessment Counselor for Easter Seals Crossroads in Indianapolis, IN.

Craig Phipps '01 recently became Head Band Director at Griffith High School in Griffith, Indiana.

Hannah Pace '02 recently became the music teacher for grades K-8 at Saint Lawrence Catholic School in Indianapolis, IN.

Mark Stasch '02 was recognized as a *Wall Street Journal* 2002 Student Achievement Award Winner in the September 12, 2002 issue.

ENGAGEMENTS

Sean Hanlon '89 to Cosima Jenkins. A fall 2003 oceanside wedding is planned.

Michael Cooke '89 to Dina Grammatis. A September 27, 2003 wedding is planned.

Rick O'Dette '99 to Sherry London '98. A June 14, 2003 wedding is planned.

Jon Paul Keller '00 to Beth C. Kosinski. A June 2003 wedding is planned.

MARRIAGES

Tim Miloserny '86 to Lea Ann Ritcey, 6/3/99 at the south rim of the Grand Canyon. **Jim DeFalco '86** and **John O'Brien '86** attended the wedding.

Jon Nichols '93 to Debbie Carnahan, 8/24/02.

Scott Maienbrook '95 to Terra Schafer '97, 8/2/02.

Mark Slate '95 to Elizabeth Sawyer '98, 8/17/02.

Michael T. Keiser '96 to Mary Beth Hornak, 4/12/02.

Elizabeth M. True '96 to Steve A. Hopkins, 6/8/02.

Jeanne McCracken '97 to Adam Weiner, 1/12/02.

Ryan Koppelman '97 to Michelle Leigh Carter, 9/3/02.

Molly Lipsett '98 to Yan-Patrick Gros, 6/8/02.

Jeanette Jaskula '99 to Michael Nichols '00, 7/6/02. Rev. Denny Kinderman, C.P.P.S. '63 performed the ceremony.

Michael Chen '00 to Jennie Hoot '02, 6/15/02. Mary Fortman '00 was the cantor.

Rob Burns '00 to **Heidi Klaus '02**, 7/20/02.

Shawn Roser '00 to **Jill Stevens '00**, 8/10/02.

Heather Heide '02 to Dan Barlog, 7/13/02. **Holly Shearer '02** was a bridesmaid.

Erin Sweet '02 to **Michael McCollum '02**, 8/3/02.

Beth Nix '02 to **Greg Peters '02**, 8/3/02.

BIRTHS

Noah David Kohut-Jackson to David Jackson and **Marian Kohut '82**, 11/20/01. He joins big brother Luke and big sister Abby.

Amanda Grace Miloserny to **Tim '86** and Lea Ann **Miloserny**, 10/28/01.

Leah Marie Sheldon to Gerald and **Ruth (Walsh) Sheldon '86**, 6/20/02. Big sister Elizabeth (18 months) is delighted with her little sister.

Abigail Rita Ruzevich to **Joseph '87** and Denise **Ruzevich**. She completes the Ruzevich basketball team with siblings Rachel, seven, Joey, five, and twins Julia and Kate, four.

William Thomas Steigmeyer to **Tom '88** and Colette **Steigmeyer**, 7/23/02.

Aidan Michael Geleott to **Kevin '89** and Kathryn (Egan) **Geleott**, 7/6/02.

Zoe Christine Barrett to **Chris '90** and Desiree **Barrett**, 5/17/02.

William Andrew Messman to **Jon '90** and Gwen **Messman**, 9/10/02.

Emily Hope Giles to Tony and **Kathleen (Sadler) Giles '91**, 6/6/01.

Nathan Emerson Mathew to **Robert '91** and **Traci (Gruenewald) Mathew '91**. He joins big sisters Courtney and Casey.

Samuel Joseph Stites to **Joe '92** and **Ann (Papandrea) Stites '92**, 5/7/02.

Londyn Tayler Baldwin to **Herb '92** and Joya **Baldwin**, 7/7/02.

Emily Marie Zabrecky to Greg and **Jennifer (Janusonis) Zabrecky '93**, 7/9/02. She joins big sister Megan, 4, and big brother Tyler, 1 1/2.

Katherine Madeline Gronceski to Steven and **Jennifer (Mannion) Gronceski '93**, 6/12/02. She joins big sister Sarah.

Margaret Anne Scudder to **Michael '93** and Sarah **Scudder**, 4/25/02.

Macyn Elizabeth and Shaedyn Trinity Knowles to **Stephen and Carmen (Skoog) Knowles '95**, 4/18/02.

Xavier Joshua Gilbert III to **Joshua '95** and **Stephanie (Moyna) Gilbert '95**, 4/6/01.

Sean Brady to Terence and **Janet (Krienke) Brady '96**, 9/2/02.

Aidan John Weir to **Jeff '98** and Elizabeth **Weir**, 7/31/02.

Michael Edward Veenstra to Darryl and **Pamela (Good) Veenstra '99**, 7/17/02.

Brianna Grace Marie Arnold to Jeremy and **Marissa (Marlin) Arnold '00**, 7/3/02.

Emily Dawn Koontz to Joseph and **Dawn (Paulin) Koontz '01**, 6/6/02.

Jackson Guy Hood to Daniel and **Juli (Duerksen) Hood '01**, 6/26/02.

DEATHS

Robert J. Schum '42, 8/2/02.

Edward J. O'Reilly '42, no date.

John Feicht '43, 8/5/02.

Earl J. "Pete" Redden, Jr. '45, 3/7/02.

Ernest C. Stockman, Jr. '51, 1/02.

Rev. Deacon Dr. Edgar M. Cobett, Sr. '52, 9/3/02.

John Wolfe '53, 3/27/01.

John M. Quinn '55, 9/08/02.

Robert O. Smith '57, 11/29/01.

Nicholas R Yengich '57, 9/5/02.

Bernard A. Balas '57, 9/28/02.

Joseph X. Dalla-Betta '58.

Angelo R. Dattomo '59, 3/5/02.

Thomas J. Huhn '59, former trustee, 5/16/02.

Richard Schuller '61, 7/2002.

Gerard L. Walter '64, 5/22/02.

William Arnold '68, 4/02.

Rosella Laudick, mother of **Lawrence Laudick '69**, 6/19/02.

John Trebnik, former faculty member, 5/7/02.

Mary Jane Buckley, wife of **Jim Buckley '48**.

Julia C. Scollard, President's Fellow, 8/9/02.

Gerald Sondgerath, father-in-law of **Donna (Sondgerath) '64** and **David Hoover '61**, 9/24/02.

Correction Notice

In the fall issue of *Contact*, the name of Assistant Professor of Marketing and Management **Teresa Massoels '89** was incorrectly spelled. The *Contact* staff apologizes for the error.

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